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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3617**

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Entered upon  
Appeal  
Sect 28/2002*

Serial No.	09/509,853	Examiner:	R. Stormer
Inventor:	DeCagny et al.	Group Art Unit:	3617
Filing Date:	June 8, 2000		
Title:	Wheel Balancing Device and Wheel Equipped with such a Device		

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinctions of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 5, 2001, Paper No. 13, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Specification**

Kindly amend the paragraphs beginning at line 6 through line 11 of page 6 as follows:

the balancing device is arranged radially between the rim and a portion of maximum width of the tire;

the balancing device is disposed radially along an inboard [the